

## IN THE CLAIMS

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CLAIMS~~Patent claims~~

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A ~~r~~Radiation shielding arrangement for shielding neutron radiation and gamma radiation from particle accelerators, storage rings, target, experimental or analytical devices, comprising at least one shielding element made of a first material including~~which contains~~ bound water.
2. (currently amended) The ~~r~~Radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that said~~the first material includes~~contains~~ gypsum in a~~the~~ bound state in a~~the~~ chemical composition  $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
3. (currently amended) The ~~r~~Radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 2~~3~~, wherein ~~said~~characterized in that the shielding element includes~~comprises~~ a gypsum wall.
4. (currently amended) The ~~r~~Radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 3, wherein ~~said~~characterized in that the gypsum wall has a thickness that~~which~~ is matched to a~~the~~ radiation spectra of a high-energy particle accelerator.
5. (currently amended) The ~~r~~Radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 3, wherein ~~said~~characterized in that the gypsum wall has a

thickness ~~which is~~ greater than or equal to at the  
secondary radiation equilibrium thickness, ~~in~~  
~~particular a thickness of at least 2 m, at least 5 m~~  
~~or at least 7 m.~~

6. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding  
arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said at  
least one shielding element has ~~abuilt in the~~ form  
of a multilayer construction.
7. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding  
arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said at  
least one shielding element has ~~abuilt in the~~ form  
of a modular construction.
8. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding  
arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said at  
least one shielding element includes~~characterized by~~  
a loadbearing layer ~~which is~~ arranged on a first  
side of ~~said the~~ shielding element and has at least a  
minimum thickness ~~which is~~ dimensioned such that  
said at least one shielding element~~the radiation~~  
~~shielding arrangement, in particular the arrangement~~  
~~of shielding element and said loadbearing layer, is~~  
are self-supporting.
9. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding  
arrangement according to claim 1, wherein  
said~~characterized in that the~~ loadbearing layer  
includes~~comprises~~ concrete formwork.
10. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding  
arrangement according to claim 1, wherein  
said~~characterized in that the~~ shielding element has  
two sides with said concrete~~is provided with~~

formwork is on said~~both sides, in particular of~~  
~~concrete.~~

11. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising~~characterized by~~ a neutron absorber layer having~~which contains~~ a neutron-absorbing material.
12. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising~~characterized by~~ a neutron absorber layer having~~which contains~~ boron, cadmium and gadolinium.
13. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising~~characterized by~~ a neutron absorber layer having~~which contains~~ boron-paraffin.
14. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 10, wherein a~~characterized in that the~~ neutron absorber layer is arranged within said concrete~~the~~ formwork or between said concrete~~the~~ formwork and said~~the~~ gypsum wall.
15. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 8, wherein said~~characterized in that the~~ loadbearing layer includes~~comprises~~ a neutron-absorbing material.
16. (currently amended) A rRadiation shielding arrangement, for shielding neutron radiation and gamma radiation from particle accelerators, storage rings, target, experimental or analytical devices, comprising at least one spallation layer including~~comprising~~ a material wherein~~which is~~

~~characterized in that~~ spallation reactions are triggered by means of neutron irradiation.

17. (currently amended) The rRadiation shielding arrangement according to claim 16, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ said material is a metal.
18. (currently amended) A uUse of gypsum from flue gas desulphurization plants for producing a radiation shielding arrangement for shielding neutron radiation and gamma radiation from high-energy particle accelerators, storage rings, target, experimental or analytical devices.
19. (currently amended) A uUse of a shielding element which contains gypsum for shielding radiation from a device selected from the group consisting of a particle accelerator, a particle storage ring, a target device, an experimental device ~~and~~ an analytical device.
20. (new) The radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said gypsum wall has a thickness that is matched to a radiation spectra of a high-energy particle storage ring for a particle selected from the group consisting of electrons, positrons and ions.
21. (new) The radiation shielding arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said secondary radiation equilibrium thickness is selected from the group consisting of at least 2 m, at least 5 m and at least 7 m.